



H.Con.Res. 358 – Commending the members of the Nevada Army National Guard and Air National Guard for their service to the State of Nevada and the United States

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 358 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Dean Heller (R-NV) on May 20, 2008. The legislation was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 358 is expected to be considered on the House floor on July 30, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 358 expresses a sense of Congress that the members of the Nevada Army National Guard and Air National Guard are commended for their brave service to the State of Nevada and the United States.

BACKGROUND

The National Guard celebrated its 371st birthday on December 13, 2007. It is the oldest component of the Armed Forces of the United States. The National Guard began as a group of militiamen in the Revolutionary War and over the years has evolved into an organization charged with keeping America safe from foreign invaders and responding to national disasters.

The National Guard also has a long history of protecting America overseas. During World War I, roughly 40 percent of the troops in France were guardsmen and in World War II they were some of the first troops to begin our attack on the Axis powers. During Desert Storm in 1991 over 75,000 National Guardsmen were called into active duty. There are currently hundreds of thousands of Guard members that have served both in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Nevada has sent over 1,000 of its National Guardsmen to Iraq and Afghanistan starting from 2003 until today. The Nevada National Guard is comprised of approximately 3,700 soldiers.

Additionally, the Nevada National Guard has assisted in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita as well as flooding in the southern portions of the state of Nevada and most recently the wildfires in California. The Nevada National Guard dates back to 1861.

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